

Notes From Zed H Copp

DAYTON

One has been added to the church by baptism since our last report, and the prospect is good for a great ingathering during the revival season. In our pastoral labor we learn of some hitherto unknown to us Brethren almost every day. When the work is thoroughly canvassed, the result will be a large membership. Please, brother and sister who reads this, don't neglect to send me the name of any of the Brethren that you may know now living in this city. A postal card will do. Also please remember the destitute children here with your second-hand shoes, clothing, etc., and send them to sister Charlotte Bond, 15 Koewel Street, and your offering will be duly acknowledged thro the EVANGELIST. And finally, don't forget us in your daily prayers, that our Master may strengthen us and empower us with the Holy Spirit that we may take of the things of Christ and show them to the people, that they may be drawn unto him. Then, too, send in your money designated "For the Dayton work," or else we shall not be benefited.

GENERAL

There were five confessions at the Soldier's Home last Friday. One at least will become a Brethren. This is a wonderful field for mission work. We trust the Lord will open the way for a revival there some time this winter.

The death of sister Cora Erbaugh's infant daughter, Esther, is another sad comment on the frailty of humanity. The parents are comforted by knowing that their loss is her gain.

We desire to publicly thank brother John Reynolds and sister Edward Clem of Bear Creek, and sisters Garrett Hill and Rebecca Allison of Dayton, for *substantial* thoughtful remembrance of the family.

Roanoke, Va.

Dear Evangelist :—It has been a very considerable lapse of time since I have burdened your pages with tidings from the Old Dominion for the Father's household. Since that time we have had stirring experiences along the battle lines and have secured some splendid victories for our dear Master. For some months measures for the strengthening and extension of the kingdom have been under advisement and they recently crystalized in a District Conference which met at our church on the 21st ult. The conference was well patronized by our congregations and we had a joyful season of fraternal feasting and divine grace, and we feel at most as estatic as old Bunyan felt when he was on the Beulah mountains, or as Peter felt when he proposed a permanent camp on the Mount of Transfiguration. It was the first District Conference ever held in South West Virginia, and it marks an epoch in Progressive annals in Virginia.

The reports from the various parts of the field showed a vast harvest already white for the sickle, and it was pleasing and inspiring

to note that the conference fully appreciated the importance of sending laborers to reap and gather in the sheaves. The leading and paramount issue before us was, whom to send, and how to support him. Elder J. S. Bowman, who has so faithfully wrought in this district for several years was elected to serve for one year and we adopted a rather drastic financial measure to assure his maintenance, as follows: Each member is assessed one-fourth of one per cent, on all personal and real unencumbered property, and all brethren one dollar, and all sisters fifty cents per capita. This assessment is not arbitrary, but subject to the free will of the members. It is simply a suggestion that we owe the Lord's cause that much of what he has given us, and it carries with it the important reminder that we will be disloyal to him and the church if we do not pay it. It will from henceforth be the standard of our love for our church and congregations are orderly or disorderly in proportion as they respond to this request.

The church has "bound" this on its members, it is not vigorous, it is a pressing, new, and I believe in this instance "what we have bound here will be bound in heaven."

We hope and pray that our members will fully appreciate the gravity of the situation and meet our reasonable expectation. Brother Bowman had made a contract with the school authorities to teach a winter school which will interrupt our plans somewhat. He is now holding a revival in Craig county. From there he will go to Pittsylvania county, and from thence to Bedford. May the Lord abundantly bless his labors.

Our conference closed with a joyous love feast and thus ended a memorable event in our local church history. Brother Bowman preached for the congregation on the 28th, and on the same day I met the Boon's Chapel people and also a congregation at Helm's school house in Franklin county. I preached at the latter place at 4:30 P. M., on the subject, "Washing the Saint's Feet." The attendance was fair and attention first class. An extraordinary phenomenon has made its appearance in that section of county recently. The people are almost unanimously Tunker, of the so-called conservative type. When it was advertised that I would preach on the fore-mentioned subject, the leaders of that loving brotherhood showed marked hostility to the movement, and when a young man expressed his intention to join the Brethren church, one of them besought him rather to remain out in the world than to come to us. We have many warm-hearted souls in that fraternity, and as was said by a great statesman of his country, we say of the brotherhood, "with all your faults we love you still."

But the question of a union of the two wings is "out of the question," "the baseless fabric of a vision." They do not hesitate to appropriate our doctrines and practices, but they are not anxious to appropriate us. Well, we will not buy them to love us, neither will we suffer loss without it. There is a sepa-

rate and distinct field for each denomination and we have neither time nor inclination to waste wooing a loveless sister.

We arranged to have another District Conference in 1899. On account of distance from the centres of the State District composed of Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia, it is probable that our section will henceforth maintain a separate district for conference purposes. Our work here demands special attention along the lines of evangelistic duties and we can but serve that department separate from the state district.

D. C. MOOMAW.

Announcement

To the Presidents of the Young Peoples Societies of the District of Indiana: You are specially requested to sent the report of your society with the church report to the secretary of the conference and I will get it from him. This will save the expense and labor of sending out the separate reports. Please don't neglect this as we desire a full report of your work.

NETTIE RHORER, State Sec.

Communion Notice

The quarterly communion of the First Brethren church of Pittsburg, Pa., will be held on the evening of Sept. 29th. All of like faith are cordially invited to commune with us around our Father's table.

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Last Sunday finished our fourth year as pastor of the Claypool church. On Saturday forenoon we held our quarterly business meeting and elected brother G. W. Shoemaker and Jacob Landis to the office of deacon, and we feel that we have a better corps of officers now, as we have had but one deacon since the death of old Brother Shoemaker. The church at this place is moving along nicely. We had our union meeting of the Kosciusco county association, and it was a grand success all the way thro and gave the church much encouragement. I feel that these meetings are very helpful and think there should be more unions formed in our brotherhood. Now brethren, as the conference year is about to close and in three more weeks we will be at State Conference let us pray for a good and profitable conference, and pray earnestly that the year following may be one of the most successful years in the history of the church. Pray for us in our work. Yours fraternally,

D. A. HOPKINS.

Matrimonial

WORKMAN—McMILLAN.—At the home of the officiating minister September 7, 1898, brother Charles Workman and sister Ida McMillan. Brother Charles is superintendent of our Sunday-school at Buckeye City, and sister Ida is a faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard and we wish them smooth sailing over the sea of life.

J. L. KIMMEL.